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LOK SABHA

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UNSOLICITED CALLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that mobile phone users are being harassed by unsolicited calls by telemarketing companies and banks claiming offer of loans and sundry facilities thereby encroaching upon the individual`s right to privacy;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued any guidelines to cellphone companies and banks to curb and stop this menace and action against the culprits; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) In regard to unsolicited calls by telemarketing companies and others, a Civil Writ Petition titled Dr. Harsh Pathak versus Union of India and others (Civil Writ No. 35 of 2005) is being heard in the Supreme Court. Hon`ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology held a meeting of Telecom Service Providers, on 13.3.2006, to explore a workable solution.